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MORPC Proposes Over \$68 Million For New Transportation Projects

(Columbus – December 3, 2012) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) announces the availability of a proposed list of new transportation projects to receive over \$68 million in federal funds from State Fiscal Years 2014 to 2019. MORPC is seeking public comment on the proposed projects through January 14, 2013.

The following 18 new projects are proposed for a funding commitment:

- **Polaris Parkway**, I-71 to Old Worthington Rd - Major Widening - \$3.49 million
- **I-270 at US 33 (Northwest)** - Interchange Modification - \$7 million
- **SR-310 at I-70** - Interchange Modification - \$7.62 million
- **SR-750**, Wellington Blvd to Galloway Dr - Major Widening - \$3.5 million
- **Worthington Galena Rd**, Huntley Rd to I-270 - Major Widening - \$6.82 million
- **Gender Rd at Refugee Rd** - Safety Improvement - \$1.36 million
- **Hamilton Rd**, I-70 to Refugee Rd - Safety Improvement - \$7.57 million
- **Lazelle Rd**, High St to Worthington-Galena Rd - Minor Widening - \$5.13 million
- **Traffic Surveillance Camera** - Upgrades - \$1.32 million
- **Mink St**, Broad St to bridge N of Havens Corners Rd - Reconstruction - \$3.57 million
- **Cleveland Ave at Schrock Rd** - Intersection Modification - \$5 million
- **Sunbury Rd**, County Line Rd/Smother's Rd to Maxtown Rd - Minor Widening - \$6.23 million
- **Kenny Rd, Campus View Blvd, & Dierker Rd** - Sidewalks - \$1.82 million
- **SR 161**, Sawmill Rd to Linworth Rd - Multi-use Path - \$2.24 million
- **COTA** - Compressed Natural Gas Bus Purchase - \$4.75 million
- **Multi-Jurisdictional Resurfacing Program** - Resurfacing - \$1 million
- **Research Study on Economic and Social Value of Trails** - \$79,000
- **Regionwide Systematic Safety Improvements** - \$200,000

Every two years, MORPC solicits projects to receive federal transportation funding in the MORPC transportation planning area – Franklin and Delaware counties, Violet and Bloom townships in Fairfield County, and Etna Township and the City of Pataskala in Licking County. Examples of the types of projects eligible for funding include transportation improvements such as highways, public transit, bikeways, pedestrian facilities, bridges and traffic signal upgrades.

MORPC's Federal Funding Committee recommendations provide funding for 31 projects that MORPC previously had committed monies to, while 18 new projects were proposed for funding. A total of nearly \$224 million in both previously committed projects, as well as new projects, is being proposed for funding.

The project listing will be acted upon by MORPC on February 14, 2013, and once approved it will become part of the Draft TIP. The TIP is a four-year financially balanced listing of federal, state and locally funded projects that are scheduled for some phase of implementation or development in a four-year time period.

Copies of the draft listing are available by calling MORPC at (614) 228-2663 or can be viewed online at <http://www.morpc.org/transfunding>. If you have any questions about proposed projects, please submit comments in writing to Robert Lawler, Director of Transportation, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio, 43215 by 5 p.m. by January 14, 2013, or submit via email at tip@morpc.org.

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